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ELY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO:-

The Chairman and Members,  
Ely Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen - I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1964:-

1. STATISTICS: During 1964, the usual statistics have been kept and are available. These are not included in my report.

2. GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES:

- (a) Ambulances:

Two Ambulances are stationed at Ely, both being operated by the Isle of Ely County Council.

The Littleport St. John Ambulance continues to work under the agency agreement with the County Council. This vehicle, which serves the local area, and those areas adjoining when necessary, continues to be of the greatest value. It is manned and run by local St. John members.

As in previous years, it is with great regret that I have to report that Ely St. John members have been able to give only occasional assistance. Difficulties are as great as ever in replacing those members who retire on account of age.

- (b) Nursing and Clinic Arrangements:

Clinic arrangements are as for previous years. The District Nurses continue to give their willing and efficient services to all those requiring them. They greatly deserve the thanks of the Community for all that they do.

- (c) Hospitals:

- (i)

Tower Hospital for Chronic Sick.

- (ii)

St. John's Hospital for Infectious Diseases and long-stay cases.

- (iii)

The Grange Maternity Home.

These three Hospitals are under the control of the Regional Hospital Board.

3. WATER:

- (a)

During the year much hard work and planning has been carried out by the Water Board, not only to ensure present supplies, but also to make preparations for future demands. With the increasing number of houses in Ely, and the coming of several small factories these demands must show a material increase in the near future.

The completion of the low level reservoir in Ely is a very satisfactory step forward.

I have received no unsatisfactory chemical or bacterial analysis of the water in the District during the year.

It is with regret that I note that no further action has been taken with regard to the fluoridation of the water supply.

It must be remembered that in 1963, in England and Wales alone, among children aged 5 - 17, over 9½ million fillings were inserted in permanent teeth, and over 1½ million permanent teeth were extracted.

By the end of 1963 some 50,000,000 people were drinking fluoridated water in North America. In addition there is an enormous number of people in the world who are, and have been for many years drinking water with a natural fluoride content of an appreciable amount, without any harmful consequences developing.

4. SEWAGE:

(a) Extensions: No new extensions of the sewerage system were made during 1964.

(b) Sewage Disposal Works:

It was noted in my report for 1963, that although the effluent from the works was generally satisfactory, suspended solids remain on the high side. During the year further research and work was carried out, and by the early New Year, the method outlined in my 1963 report will come into operation.

(c) Sewerage Scheme: The work on this was started in May 1964 and has been advancing with a rapidity which is a credit to all concerned.

(d) Prickwillow Disposal Works:

These works have just managed to keep going during the year.

I had hoped that a start might have been made during 1964 on the comprehensive scheme for the whole of the village.

Unfortunately as a result of shortage of technical staff and of the volume of work already being handled by your present technical officers, there has been unavoidable delay. It is hoped that 1965 will see a start being made on this scheme.

5. HOUSING:

The work on the bungalows and flats on Fairfax Court is proceeding satisfactorily, and during the year the first ones were occupied.

In addition, 11 houses on Priors Court will be completed early in 1965.

(a)	Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation or in a condition prejudicial to health.....	125.
(b)	Number of preliminary notices served.....	7.
(c)	Number of reports made to the local authority with a view to:-	
	(i) The serving of notices requiring the execution of works.....	NIL.
	(ii) The making of demolition orders.....	12.
	(iii) The making of closing order.....	3.
	(iv) The making of closing orders on part of a building.....	1.
	(v) Voluntary undertakings not to relet and to demolish when required.....	3.
	(vi) Demolition order substituted by a closing order.....	1.
(d)	Number of formal notices served requiring execution of works.....	NIL.
(e)	Number of houses demolished.....	7.
	Number of houses closed.....	2.
	Part of building closed.....	1.
	Persons displaced.....	21.
	Families displaced.....	6.
(f)	Number of houses made fit.....	NIL.

- (g) Number of formal notices served under the Public Health Act 1936..... 1.  
(This Notice was to provide suitable sanitary accommodation at a Cafe, which closed before the period allowed in the notice.)
- (h) Inspection referring to Certificate of Disrepair... 1.
- (i) Improvement Grants made. (Financial year to 31st March 1965).

(Discretionary)	= 7	= £2,037.	16.	4d.
(Standard)	= 11	= £1,317.	12.	9d.
Total.....		<u>£3,355.</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>1d.</u>

Council houses improved by aid of grant.....NIL.

6. SCHOOLS: I have no comment to make.

7. MILK: The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, operating since April 1959, is still in force. This Order prohibits the retail sale of raw milk unless it carries the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

8. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

- (a) 24 notifications of Infectious Diseases were received.  
The total is made up as follows:-

Erysipelas.....	1.
Dysentery.....	1.
Infective Hepatitis.....	1.
Measles.....	7.
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	5.
Scarlet Fever.....	2.
Whooping Cough.....	7.

Total..... 24

- (b) The incidence of notifiable disease in the District has been satisfactorily low.

For yet another year, I have to report that there has been no case of diphtheria in the District.

I do urge all parents to make sure that their families are immunized against Diphtheria and polio-myelitis.

Some parents appear quite indifferent to the dangers their non-immunized children face until cases occur in the area; then there is a terrific panic, resulting in delays, shortage of supplies and general alarm.

Immunization can be carried out either by the family doctor or at a County Council Clinic.

- (c) Tuberculosis:

1 new case was notified during the year.

After making the necessary adjustment, there are now the following numbers on the Register:-

<u>Respiratory.</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>
Males 25.	-
Females 17.	3.

Compared with 1963, the total figure shows an increase of 1 case.

9. FOOD:

- (a) Premises. 12 premises are registered for the preparation of

- (i) Sausages and Preserved Food.



- (ii). 43 premises are registered for storage and sale of Ice Cream. There is no ice cream manufactured for sale in the area.
- (iii). There is one licensed Slaughter-House in the District. The Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 have been in force throughout the year, and, as these require a more rigid standard of inspection and also the inspection and approval of every carcass, the work of the Department has been very considerably increased. However, as will be seen from Appendix A. attached to this report, since the appointment of the additional Inspector early in the year, it has been possible to fully inspect almost 95% of the carcasses. This I consider is very satisfactory. In those instances when for one reason or another inspection was not possible, the Ministry was duly notified.

Number of animals slaughtered and inspected -  
see Appendix A. attached.

Meat found to be unfit for human consumption -  
see Appendix A. attached.

- (iv). Immediately notification of the outbreak of typhoid at Aberdeen was received, I arranged visits to all retail and catering premises in the District. These visits were carried out within twenty-four hours.

- (v) The following are food handling premises in the area:-

Butchers.....	11.
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars..	11.
Bakers and Confectioners.....	8.
Grocers.....	4.
Greengrocers.....	12.
Licensed Premises.....	40.
Sweets and Tobacco.....	11.
Wet and Fried Fish.....	5.
Wholesale Warehouses.....	2.
School Kitchens.....	4.
General Stores.....	17.
Brewery.....	1.
Vegetable Wholesalers.....	1.
Chemists.....	4.

(b) Food Hygiene:

Once again, I have to report slow progress. Staff and Premises that are good, remain good; those which are substandard are still substandard. To attain and maintain a satisfactory standard of hygiene in the District repeated visits by the Department's Officers are essential. One isolated visit is high-well useless.

The public could help enormously in two simple ways; (1). By reporting dirty and neglected premises with careless assistants and (2). By ceasing to patronize such premises.

Foods, particularly those which do not require cooking or are pre-cooked, e.g. (Meat). which are left carelessly exposed, and very often surrounded by flies; untidy and dirty coated assistants, often with suspect hands, are a few of the danger signs for which to watch.

It must be remembered that in these days it is possible by modern sprays etc., to abolish to all intent and purposes the presence of flies etc., not only in food premises, but in domestic kitchens and larders.

(c) Unsound Food:

See attached list. - Appendix B.

APPENDIX A.MEAT INSPECTION

PERIOD 1st JANUARY - 31st MARCH 1964.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS
No.slaughtered	283	1	230	889
NO. INSPECTED AND STAMPED	240	-	167	353

MEAT UNFIT - NIL

OFFAL UNFIT 12 lbs (Liver fluke) and 285 lbs (other causes).

MEAT INSPECTION

PERIOD 1st APRIL - 31st DECEMBER 1964.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED FOR SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION	696	0	0	851	2913
NUMBER FULLY INSPECTED AND STAMPED	626	0	0	807	2545
NUMBER PARTIALLY INSPECTED. I.E. GREEN OFFAL NOT EXAMINED	70	0	0	44	327
NUMBER NOT INSPECTED	0	0	0	0	41
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS</u> WHOLE CARCASSES FOUND UNFIT	--	--	--	1	1
CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS FOUND UNFIT	68	--	--	3	148
PERCENTAGE OF THE NUMBER INSPECTED OR PARTIALLY INSPECTED WHICH WERE AFFECTED WITH DISEASE OTHER THAN T.B. & CYSTICERCUS BOVIS	9.7%	--	--	0.35%	5.1%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u> WHOLE CARCASSES FOUND UNFIT	--	--	--	--	--
CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS FOUND UNFIT	3	--	--	--	3

MEAT INSPECTION (contd.) PERIOD 1st APRIL - 31st DECEMBER 1964.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS
PERCENTAGE OF THE NUMBER INSPECTED OR PARTIALLY INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS	0.43%	--	--	--	0.10%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u> CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS FOUND UNFIT	1	--	--	--	--
CARCASSES SUBMITTED TO TREATMENT BY REFRIGERATION	1	--	--	--	--
GENERALISED AND TOTALLY FOUND UNFIT	--	--	--	--	--

MEAT AND OFFAL UNFIT.

	BOVINE	PORCINE	OVINE	TOTAL WEIGHT
Livers	66	66	3	795 lbs
Lungs	7	18	-	53 lbs
Kidneys	1	11	-	8½ lbs
Hearts	-	66	-	33 lbs
Intestines	1	3	-	25 lbs
Mesenteric Fat	2	9	-	8½ lbs
Heads	3	12	-	129 lbs
Spleens	2	1	-	2½ lbs
Part Pig Hind	-	-	-	3 lbs
Part Bovine Fore-shin	-	-	-	9 lbs
Part Pig Flank	-	-	-	3 lbs
				<u>1069½ lbs</u>

APPENDIX B.UN SOUND FOOD.

The following have been voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Weight</u>				
		<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts</u>	<u>qtrs</u>	<u>lbs</u>	<u>ozs</u>
Corned Beef	35 tins	--	--	3	24	6
Corned Mutton	2 tins	--	--	--	12	--
Tongue	8 tins	--	--	1	4	4
Luncheon Meat	27 tins	--	--	1	4	10
Stewed Steak	12 tins	--	--	--	10	11½
Tinned Ham	12 tins	--	--	4	9	14
Veal	11 tins	--	--	2	10	--
Steak & Kidney Pudding	3 tins	--	--	--	3	--
Tinned Vegetables	173 tins	--	1	2	10	1
Tinned Fruits	379 tins	1	1	--	5	15
" Soups	12 tins	--	--	--	11	7½
" Milk	77 pints					
" Fish	37 tins	--	--	--	24	12½
Misc. tinned foods	25 tins	--	--	--	15	7
Cheese		--	--	1	10	--
Suet	17 pkts	--	--	--	8	8
Potatoes		147	18			
Lemons	7,500					
Water Melons	981					
<u>Frozen Foods.</u>						
Meat Products		--	--	2	3	1½
Fish "		--	--	--	27	--
Misc. Vegetables		--	--	2	4	3
Misc. Dinners	33 Large					
" "	9 Small					
Garden Peas	57 Small					
" "	38 Large					
" "	25 Family.					



FOOD (Continued).

This list is of quite considerable size. There is, however, a very good reason. When food is kept in Refrigerators and in Deep Freeze in shops, if the refrigeration breaks down and the food thaws out, such food is not re-frozen, but is always destroyed. This is, of course, a very satisfactory procedure.

A considerable quantity of the fruit rejected has been brought into the District for commercial purposes.

10. MISCELLANEOUS:(i) Insect Pest Control:

No problems have arisen during the year.

(ii) Shops:

During the year a start was made on the inspections called for by the Offices, Shop & Railway Premises Act, as and when time has been available. This work is tedious and exacting and demands much time. I hope to be able to report more progress during the coming year.

(iii) Rodent Control: During the year 1,588 inspections were carried out, with an additional 121 inspections of agricultural premises. 288 properties were found to be infested and 377 treatments and retreatments were carried out.(iv) Smoke Abatement: 3 prior approvals for installation of furnaces were given during the year.  
There were 12 notifications of installation.(v) Moveable Dwellings:

No problems have presented themselves during the year. Once again, the Council's Caravan site has proved its worth.

(vi) Factories: There are 14 non-mechanical and 63 mechanical factories in the District.(vii) Common Lodging Houses:

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the City.

(viii) Swimming Pool: There have been no problems arising. The Chlorinating Plant continues to work satisfactorily. The Pool was much appreciated by the City during the Summer.(ix) Refuse Tip: No great trouble has been experienced, but constant care and attention is always essential. Additional land to the extent of 5 acres has been acquired, and this will come into use next year.(x) Markets: I have no comments this year.11. PERSONAL:

I must express my very great satisfaction at being a member of your team of technical officers, who have, so far as I am concerned, worked so happily under the captaincy of Mr. P.H. Brown.

To each of my team-mates - Mr. Brown, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Stroud, I must record my grateful thanks for their many kindnesses, and their generous co-operation so willingly given.

I am also very grateful to the chief Public Health Inspector Mr. John Bryan for his help. I must extend a warm welcome to Mr. B. Minion who was appointed Additional Public Health Inspector in March, and at the same time give him my thanks for his help.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies & gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) K. S. MAURICE SMITH

Medical Officer of Health,

City of Ely Urban District Council.

1st September, 1965.